

LIBERTY'S TORCH

NEWSLETTER OF THE ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME

Help those
who sacrificed
to preserve
liberty's light.



Dear Friend,

Welcome to our very first issue of *Liberty's Torch*. This newsletter will share updates on the Armed Forces Retirement Home as well as honor its heart and soul—our residents. Our brave men and women have given so much to defend freedom around the world.

The AFRH is funded by active duty paycheck contributions and resident fees based on individual income. Yet, the cost of the valuable services we provide cannot be covered by these sources alone. So we look to family members, veterans' groups, and friends of the Home to sustain their care.

One way to support the AFRH and show gratitude for our residents' service is through a tax-deductible donation. Federal law permits us to accept unsolicited gifts made to the AFRH Trust Fund as well as contributions through a voluntary allotment program.

Another way to contribute is through designating funds to the AFRH in your will. By including the Home in your estate planning you can repay our residents for their devoted service to our country and ensure they are cared for in their time of need.

Also, you can dedicate bricks to residents, which will be laid around the flagpole on the historic quadrangle at AFRH-Washington. Your brick will be a lasting legacy of your support and a tribute to a resident or community event.

Since 1811, America's leaders have heeded *The Promise* to care for our aging service members. The AFRH was ultimately founded to carry out this



"Our veterans have sacrificed dearly to preserve liberty's light. We need your help to safeguard their golden years."

—Steven G. McManus, COO

mission. All along we have provided a safe haven for veterans while evolving into a modern retirement home rooted in Person-centered Care.

We deeply appreciate and value your generosity in supporting our former military who have given so much to preserve the delicate flame of freedom. Together, we can ensure that *The Promise* to our veterans continues to be fulfilled and their legacy honored.

Sincerely,

Steven G. McManus
Chief Operating Officer



Meaningful ways you can support our residents:

> Designate funds with voluntary allotments

Active duty and retired military can directly support our AFRH residents. The Services' Voluntary Allotment Program allows you to set aside a desired amount from each paycheck. Your generous contribution will go straight to the programs that care for our residents. So make a big difference in their lives now. Just click on the link below to contribute: [AFRH.gov/support](https://www.afrh.gov/support).

> Include the AFRH in your estate planning

Help ensure our residents receive the support they need. Please consider including the AFRH in your estate planning. Just make sure you state in your will or estate plan that your donation is to be used by the AFRH to care for its residents in such a manner as deemed appropriate. For assistance email us at public.affairs@afrh.gov.

> Pave the way for Veterans: dedicate a brick

Pay tribute to the memory of a great resident. Recognize a heroic veteran. Or just offer thanks and support with this lasting legacy. A tax-deductible \$250 donation gets you one 4" x 8" brick set at the flagpole at our historic Quadrangle (between the Sherman and Scott residences). Email the AFRH-W Ombudsman at albert.mori@afrh.gov or our Public Affairs Officer at sheila.abarr@afrh.gov.



Where your support goes:



It helps the residents pay:

- Living Expenses
- Transportation Fees
- Auto Repairs
- Family Emergencies
- Household Expenses
- Funeral Expenses
- Medical & Dental

It helps the Home provide:

- Person-centered Care
- Optometry & Dental
- Fitness & Recreation
- A Golf Course
- Bowling Centers
- Swimming Pools
- Scenic Grounds

FAQs - Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How will my contribution to the AFRH be used?

All contributions will be used toward the maintenance, improvement, and operations of our two Homes in Washington, DC and Gulfport, MS. Your generosity will assure quality services and healthy programs for current and future residents.

Q: How do I make a one-time or recurring contribution?

The management of the AFRH greatly appreciates all contributions. Your generous donation can be made in one of four ways. Whichever way you choose to help, thank you for supporting our military retirees and veterans.

DFAS Allotment:

Voluntary Allotments can be made via the DFAS Customer Service MyPay @ <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>.

You will need to set up the allotment with the AFRH bank account below:

Personal Check:

You may mail a check to:
Chief Financial Officer, AFRH
3700 North Capital Street
Sherman Building, Room 114
Washington, DC 20011

Wire Transfer:

Make a wire transfer to the AFRH bank account below:

Funds transfer to Pentagon FCU:

If you are a PFCU member, this process is simple. Some other banks may require you to register and validate your account before the transfer can be completed.

Make a funds transfer to the AFRH bank account below:

ABA #: _____ ABA Routing #: 2560-7844-6 Account #: 3926827
Receiving Company: Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH)

Q: Are all my contributions tax deductible?

Yes. All contributions to the AFRH are 100% tax deductible. This is a great way to do some good and lower your tax bill. If you provide your contact information, the AFRH can recognize your contribution(s) on campus and provide validation of your gift.

Q: Can I donate in honor of a veteran or military retiree?

Yes. A gift honoring someone's military service is a wonderful way to preserve his or her memory. If you provide the contact information for the individual or family members, the AFRH will gladly notify all parties about your special gift.

Q: Can I designate how my gift will be used?

Each special request will be carefully considered to determine if the AFRH can fulfill it. Please email us at public.affairs@afrh.gov with details on your request. The AFRH can also provide its "wish list" to help you determine the use of your gift.

Q: Whom do I contact if I have more questions?

Please e-mail us at public.affairs@afrh.gov. We'll be happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have about the AFRH or making a contribution. On behalf of our veterans and former service members, thank you for your support.

Heritage of the AFRH:

The Home's origins date back to the early 1800s with the establishment of the Philadelphia Naval Asylum in 1831 and the Washington Soldiers' Home in 1851. Ever since, we have provided eligible veterans with caring support and shared camaraderie—much like they experienced in their service days. Today, the two Homes are known as the AFRH: the premier retirement home for our former military. We offer residents all they need at our secure, gated communities in Gulfport, MS and Washington, DC. Both communities offer private rooms just steps from the dining hall, computer center, movie theater, hobby shops, bowling center, library, mail room, chapels, PX / BX, and more. Plus, our dedicated staff assists each resident individually with a range of support services and world-class healthcare—all at a fraction of the cost of a private home. A safe and secure retirement here is truly the greatest benefit of military service.

AFRH-Gulfport: nestled on the Mississippi Sound



AFRH-Washington: in the heart of our Nation's Capital

